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The Chicago "Meeting."

The Democratic national committee, which is in session at Chicago to discuss important matters to the party, with a view to preparing some sort of basis for a platform next year, is very likely to have a time that is not calculated to cheer the spirits of the masses of the followers of the various factions. This reasoning is inspired by the fact that the committee is not one harmonious whole, but is necessarily divided into at least two factions. It will be impossible for them to agree amicably on everything.

The two factions referred to represent widely different views concerning the wisdom of making prominent certain issues, and as to the endorsement of the Chicago platform; along with new questions. One faction is composed of the men who are as uncompromisingly in favor of "the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of all other nations," as they were three years ago. While they favor other things, they insist upon this proposition as being first and foremost. Bryan is himself present with a proxy which gives him a right to participate and vote as a member of the committee.

The faction refuses to profit by past lessons, but sticks to the old song. These same men are still worshipping Bryan as the only statesman of the day; no other man's name must be mentioned in the same breath. Like Aguinaldo, he is "the second Washington"—the great hero destined to free the country from the crushing power of the gold bug. Bryan and defeat rather than some other person and victory.

The Washington Star describes the other, the anti-Silver-Bryan, faction as composed of the men who may be termed Opportunists. "They are wedded to no issue. Their whole desire is to win. They will adopt or repudiate anything in an effort to score. They supported Bryan and his platform in 1896, though doubtful of the issue and the man. Defeat came and they have turned their backs on both." These men propose nothing, but want to wait and see how things are next year, so they may better know what to advocate in order to win, as circumstances may be different.

This sizes up the opposing faction very well, as the public sees it. It tallies very well with the description of the attitude of the Tammany organization, contained in the address of the Chicago platform Democrats of New York, issued by their representatives at the Chicago meeting, on Wednesday night. The Star further describes the anti-Bryan faction as follows:

These men have no hero. They have no enthusiasms of any kind about either men or measures. Just as they are willing to win under any leadership. And they want time and circumstances to develop the candidate as the platform. If they are talking just now of Mr. Gorman, Mr. Van Wyck and Mr. McLean, it is only for temporary effect. They are simply taking soundings. They would support any one of the three men named, but they are not committed to anybody. They are looking for a winner.

Just how much the public may be permitted to know of the proceedings of the committee and the plans agreed or disagreed upon, remains to be seen, but each faction is pretty sure to keep a sharp eye on the other. The feeling is bitter, and whatever may be the outcome of the meeting, it will not be in the nature of anything more than a protocol. The coming months will witness skillful scheming for position, which will bring out the best leadership in both factions. It is possible that the party may not be benefited by this fact.

Lawlessness in New York.

Lawlessness seems to be the principal figure in the car strike situation in Brooklyn, and now it has extended over to Manhattan, New York City proper, the disorder and violence is augmented, and, if anything, the dangers of the situation are far more serious. On Second avenue, the wildest scenes inaugurated the strike, and even women participated in the rioting. In Brooklyn dynamite has been used to wreck property. Twenty-one men are held without bail for an attempt to destroy the structure of the elevated road. It appears that the organization of the strikers did not authorize the use of the bombs, but the outrage, which resulted in much damage to the property, cannot but injure the cause of the men.

As in other cities where similar acts have been committed by sympathizers, the cause of the strikers has been injured by the loss of public sympathy. The resort to means that endanger life and destroy valuable property is pretty generally sure to cause a reaction of

sentiment. The people cannot tolerate a condition of affairs that might result in bloodshed, and many withdraw support from a cause that the misguided perpetrators of such deeds vainly imagine they are benefiting.

A New Cabinet Office.

The proposition to create a new cabinet office to take charge of our foreign commercial affairs, and to deal with questions in connection with the responsibilities under new conditions, is being favorably discussed by leading business men and commercial journals. There is some opposition among those who do not favor the central development of the United States in any manner, but they, as a rule, are chronic opponents of advancement with the age. The New York Commercial and Financial World, which is regarded as a reliable authority in such matters, in the current issue, expresses the opinion that the project "will be approved by all who realize that our expanding commercial and trade interests can be best subserved by a well organized system of supervision."

It is becoming generally admitted that there is a need of a national department of commerce, and statesmen and business men, who are concerned in the matter of promoting the American trade with foreign countries, are strongly urging the creation of such an institution as an executive department of the government. It is regarded as just as necessary, in connection with the administrative branch, as was the creation of the navy department in 1789, when we were beginning our career as a new power; also as the establishment of the interior department, in 1849, when, coincident with the requirement of vast territory in the west from Mexico, the annexation of Texas, the discovery of gold in California, the opening up of a new and magnificent region, and the era of the development of an unsettled region which constitutes the greater half of the present magnificent republic.

It was but ten years ago, in 1889, that the necessity for raising the department of agriculture from the humble position of a bureau to an executive department, and transforming the head of it from a subordinate commissioner to a member of the presidential cabinet was realized. The public has always been pleased with the establishment of these executive branches, because it has reaped the advantages. Now that our foreign commerce and trade is assuming such vast proportions, with the balances on our side of the ledger, there looms up the increasing needs for an executive department, for a systematized supervision of these interests. The suggestion is to create it as a department of foreign affairs, and it is believed the benefits will be equal to those under the operation of the branches named.

Ancient Harvard Not up to Date.

A Boston special in the Pittsburgh Dispatch announces that Harvard, which is the most conservative institution of learning in America, has taken a step in the direction of co-education by deciding to permit women to attend the courses in the law school, but it has a string to it, specifying that they be graduate students at Radcliffe college. That is a very slow and a very late step for so great a college, the age of which is 250 years.

Some younger colleges and universities, that are babies in point of age, when compared to Harvard, have had co-education in fact for some years and proven its wisdom by the successes attained. The West Virginia State University is one of these, and does not limit the rule. Students of the gentler sex are taken on equal terms and with equal privileges with those of the other sex. No discrimination whatever is made.

It appears that the declaration of the Harvard faculty is partially due to the application of a Pennsylvania woman graduate of Bryn Mawr for admission to the Harvard law school, and to be admitted she must first be enrolled as a Radcliffe student. In the West Virginia University, whose standard is high and now being classed with those of the universities of older states, are students of both sexes from more than a dozen states, aside from this state, there is no such requirement. Many of the state's best lawyers and judges are alumni of the institution. Already there are a number of students from Pennsylvania enrolled, and the Bryn Mawr graduate can obtain all the advantages, without the red tape proceedings required at Harvard.

The reports of the city assessors in the matter of real estate, published in the morning papers yesterday, showing such a remarkable increase over the reports of last year, are gratifying to the public in general. An increase in reality, of \$155,470 over the assessment of last year, is regarded as a much better showing than was expected, and when added to an increase of \$142,647 in personally in the second district, the first district personality report not being completed, the probability is strong that the total increase in both reality and personality will foot up to more than \$300,000. This speaks very well for the advancement of Wheeling in a single year of renewed prosperity, and is by no means discouraging.

The prompt acceptance of the resignation of Secretary of War Alger by the President, the retirement to occur on the first of August, leaves no doubt of the President's willingness to accept. In view of the fact of the recent announcement of the alliance between a strong enemy of the administration and General Alger, in the interest of a United States senatorship, this is not surprising.

The President's cablegram to General Otis, testifying his appreciation of the patriotism of the volunteers and regulars in his command who have served over the time of their enlistment, and stating that he would recommend to Congress to provide a special medal of honor for each officer and soldier, will be applauded by the country. The officers and men deserve the tribute.

A Challenge.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.
SIR:—There is a gentleman, a protesting Christian, now in this city, who offers \$200 which he will pay to any person who can produce and give to him any Scripture proof whatever as authority for observing the firstday of the week (Sunday), as the Sabbath day, i. e., the day enjoined by Jehovah in the Fourth Commandment.
Will any of your readers accept the challenge?
W. H. R.
Wheeling, July 20, 1899.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The world owes every man the right to earn a living.
In the animal race the giraffe should win by a neck.
Some men haven't ambition enough to get out of their own way.To agree with everybody is as bad as not to agree with anybody.
Your character cannot be essentially injured, except by your own acts.

Riches have wings, but only the rich have ostrich plumes in their hats.

There is always room at the bottom of a woman's letter for a postscript.

It makes a big difference whether a man loses his balance in a bank or on a wheel.

Whenever a woman's ear begins to burn it's a sign she has been talking about somebody.

After a girl gets protection through matrimony she next wants free trade in some dry goods store.

The truth about some men is never known until after they are dead—and then you can't find it on their monuments.

At 2 cents a mile a trip to the sun would cost \$2,328,804.40. We understand there will be no cut-rate excursions this season.

If a man was to start out with the intention of calling everything by its right name he would be knocked down before he got a block away from home.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

First a woman learns how to forgive, then to love.

What puzzles a man most is how a woman in a breakfast gown seems to be dressed and yet not to be.

After a woman has thoroughly conquered a man she begins to encourage him to free himself and conquer her.

A woman is young as long as she can attract men; a man is old when young girls let him kiss them good bye.

If a man was as bold and brave as his wife thinks he is he would be shot for a desperado the first time he left his doorstep.—New York Press.

Out Late.

San Francisco Argonaut: He had been out so late the night before that he didn't know the hour he had come home. When he awoke he was curious to learn just how "rocky" he looked. He accordingly reached out for the silver-backed hand mirror that lay on the table beside the bed. Instead of it he got hold of the silver-backed hair brush. Not recognizing his mistake, he took the brush up and gazed at it for a few minutes. Then he felt of the silver back, and then stared back at the bristles. "Good heavens," he murmured, "but I need a shave."

Do You Ever Speak the Truth?

Aitchison Globe: Did you ever count up how many times in the course of a day you tell a lie, even though you consider yourself a truthful person? You tell a lie when a friend asks if a new hat is becoming, when you praise something your hostess cooks and when you say you had a good time in bidding her good bye. You must lie or offend a hundred a day, and you naturally prefer to lie. Its effects may be as bad as those giving offense, but they are not so apparent.

An Illustration.

Chicago News: "What a large head you have," remarked the loquacious barber to an Irish customer. "Why, its twice as large as mine."

"But O! suppose you're after foindin' that head of yours large enough, though?" queried the Irishman.

"Sure," replied the tonsorial artist. "It suits me all right."

"Av course," said the son of Erin. "Pshaw! the use av a man havin' a big trunk whin he has no clothes to put in it, O! dunno."

An Exuberant Youth.

Chicago Tribune: "But what will your people say?" she murmured, with downcast eyes. "I am not only poor, but my family is unknown. I haven't even," she added, pensively, "coat-of-arms, you know."

"But I have stacks of coats," whispered the daring young man. "And as for arms—well!"

The Warmth.

Detroit Journal: "Adorable creature, be mine!" he pleaded.

For an instant Genevieve was perplexed. She knew his heart was cold, yet these, his words were warm. But suddenly it all came to her, as if by inspiration.

"Flannel mouth!" she exclaimed, with all the hauteur she could summon.

Couldn't Hold Himself Up.

Chicago News: Mrs. Jaggs (time 2 a. m.)—What in the world kept you so late?

Mr. Jaggs—W-why (hic) m' dear, jus' as I was comin' (hic) long first shing know'd was held up by shix or sheven highway'n's on (hic) darkest street.

Mr. Jaggs—Well, it's a good thing they happened to be there to hold you up. You never could have done it yourself.

Her Chance.

Chicago Times-Herald: "Do you," said the notary, "swear that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and—"

"Oh, how lovely," the fair witness interrupted, "shall I really be allowed to talk all afternoon if I want to?"

A Rose in Every Garden.

There's a rose in every garden an' there's not a drop o' dew
But is falling on a flower in that garden's green for you.
And for all the storms of trouble there's a living joy of blue,
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PASSING PLEASANTIES.

Kindness—Why did you laugh at that joke?" "Because I expect to be old myself, some time."—Washington Star.

"He isn't even friendly with the girl he was engaged to, is he?" "No. When she sent the ring back she labeled the box 'Glass—handle with care.'—Life.

"Is the cashier out?" he asked as he looked around. "No," replied the president, as he glanced up from the examination of the books, "the cashier's not out; it's the bank that's out."—Chicago Evening Post.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "the baby is trying to talk again. It's wonderful how he takes after you!" "I think it must have been about?" "He started very calmly, but in a few minutes he was as angry and red in the face as he could be."—Washington Star.

A young Scotch volunteer was waiting at a railroad station one windy day, and the wind was blowing around his legs, which were quite blue and very thin. An urchin with a big bulldog was trying to keep it still. The volunteer looked very scared, when the urchin cried out: "I say, guv'nor, you'd better move away, because my dog thinks they're bones."—Tit-Bits.

Her dilating eyes left no doubt that she was deeply horrified. "What dreadful people," she cried. "The Orientals, I mean. They actually sell wives in department stores, I read here." "Well, we can't brag much!" protested the man, her husband, speaking in general terms. It is true, but glaringly fixed at the 50-cent rocking-chair she had that day paid \$2.50 for at a bargain scramble.—Detroit Journal.

Drawing a Comparison.
"Don't talk like a fool, Joshua," said Mrs. Harix, "to hear you tell it folks would be thinkin' I asked you to marry me, and goodness knows, I never ran after you for a minute in my life."

"Well, I hain't sayin' you run arter me, Melindy," replied the old man, "but that don't prove nuthin' nohow. I reckon the trap never runs arter the mouse, nuther, but somehow it 'pears to gather him in, jist the same."—Chicago Daily News.

Archbishop Ireland Sails.

QUEENSTOWN, July 20.—Archbishop John Ireland, of Minnesota, sailed for the United States to-day on board the steamer Britannic. A large number of priests and influential people bid the archbishop farewell before the departure of the steamer. Archbishop Ireland delivered a powerful address before an immense audience in the opera house at Cork yesterday evening, on the subject of the people of Ireland and temperance.

Her Majesty's Leg.

BERLIN, July 20.—The accident to the empress on Tuesday last, was more serious than at first stated. One of the bones in the lower part of her majesty's leg was broken. The swelling is decreasing and the general condition of her majesty is satisfactory. Complete recovery, however, can scarcely be expected before six weeks.

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